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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

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IN THE MATTER OF  
CARBON/EMERY TELCOM INC.'S  
APPLICATION FOR RECOVERY OF  
UUSF APPLICATION COSTS

AMENDED AFFIDAVIT OF  
ATTORNEYS' FEES

DOCKET NO. 18-2302-01

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STATE OF UTAH            )  
                                      : ss.  
SALT LAKE COUNTY        )

Kira M. Slawson, being first duly sworn on her oath, deposes and states:

1.       I am an attorney duly licensed to practice law in the State of Utah. I am familiar with the fees customarily charged by attorneys for legal services, including utility regulatory work and litigation in Salt Lake County.

2.       I have been employed by the Applicant as its legal counsel. I assisted the Applicant with the prosecution of its Application for Increase in Utah Universal Service Support. Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 54-8b-15, and the customary practices and procedures of the Utah Public Service Commission ("Commission"), the Applicant is entitled to the recovery of

costs incurred in the prosecution of its Application, including reasonable attorneys' fees.

3. Confidential copies of my invoices which detail the work I, and other attorneys in my firm, completed in the prosecution of the Application were attached as Confidential Exhibit 1 to my initial Affidavit. As the Commission is aware, considerable work was required in this case including, without limitation: filing of the application and supporting testimony; preparation and filing of rebuttal, surrebuttal, and sur-surrebuttal testimony; review and analysis of the testimony filed by the Division of Public Utilities' and the Office of Consumers Services' witnesses; motions for summary judgment; preparation of responses to 8 separate sets of data requests; hearing preparation; two days of hearing; post hearing briefing; and preparation of motion for reconsideration (including reply).

4. Upon reviewing the legal bills attached to my initial affidavit in response to a Data Request from the Division of Public Utilities, I identified .70 hours of my time, and .20 hours of my partner's time that were included in the Carbon/Emery UUSF Invoice No. 238826, dated February 1, 2016,<sup>1</sup> but which should have been included in the general invoice for Emery Telephone. As a result, I am amending this Affidavit. The total legal fees expended in this matter are \$115,632 plus courier costs of \$191.98. I spent 396.60 hours through April 30, 2016 at the hourly rate of \$285.00. I believe this is a reasonable amount. Other attorneys in my firm have spent another 10.1 hours on this matter at rates ranging from \$225 to \$300 per hour, which I believe is also reasonable. The amended total of the attached invoices (for fees and costs) is \$115,823.98.

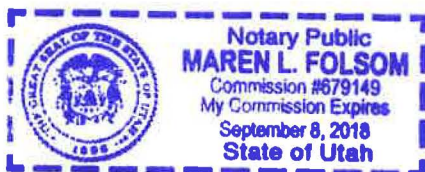
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<sup>1</sup> Specifically, the entries dated 1/15/16 related to review of Verizon Adoption of IXC Agreement (.3); review of 47 USC 252(i) and 47 CFR 51.809 (.4); and the entry dated 1/28/16 related to "receive and review correspondence from T. Short regarding subpoena and review subpoena (.2) should be removed from the Carbon/Emery UUSF invoice.

*Kira M. Slawson*

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Kira M. Slawson

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2018.



My Commission Expires:

9 Sept 2018

*Maren L. Folsom*

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Notary Public

Residing at: Davis Co.

#### CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the Carbon/Emery Telcom, Inc.'s Amended Affidavit of Attorneys' Fees in Support of Request for Agency Action, Docket No. 18-2302-01 was sent to the following individuals by email and/or mailing a copy thereof via first-class mail, postage prepaid (as indicated), this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2018:

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